such captive populations to a level supportive only to conserving wild tigers. The resolution was adopted with minor amendments. Further, India made an intervention appealing to China to phase out tiger farming, and eliminate stockpiles of Asian big cats body parts and derivatives. The importance of continuing the ban on trade of body parts of tigers was emphasized.

Venue crunch for wedding ceremonies

*63. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Capital city is reeling under severe venue crunch during peak wedding season;

(b) whether Government are also aware that people have started organising weddings on roads which causing trouble to residents in that area;

(c) whether Government propose to appeal to the High Court to lift ban on farm houses and banquet halls to solemnise marriages; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) has reported that the facilities are inadequate during peak season. As per information received from local bodies, details regarding availability of authorised banquet halls, community centres, parks etc. for wedding ceremonies and other social functions in Delhi are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) No permission is accorded for organising weddings on roads.

(c) and (d) The High Court of Delhi *vide* order dated 17th February, 2006 directed that only in those farm houses where the metal road is 60 feet wide, weddings shall be permitted subject to meeting the requirements of the draft guidelines with regard to parking space, noise pollution, sanitary conditions etc. The policy framed by GNCTD is under consideration before the High Court. The next date of hearing is 10.10.2007. The High Court imposed a ban on banquet halls in non-conforming areas and the ban is not applicable to banquet halls in conforming areas.

Statement

Details regarding availability of Banquet Halls, Community Centres, parks etc. in Delhi

Local Body	Banquet Halls/ Barat Ghars	Community Centres/Halls	Authorised Parks*	Total
NDMC	11	17	25	53
MCD	-	200	732	932
DDA	14	89	60	163
TOTAL:	25	306	817	1148

* As per Supreme Court's order one park is booked for 10 days in a month only and the remaining 20-21 days is left open for public.

Apart from the above, hotel sites/commercial areas/institutional areas also provide for marriage functions.